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CHANGES IN DIRECTORY.

Meat Inspection Inaugurated.

621. Abram Re, 32 Fulton Street, Boston, Mass.
*348. The Ashland Packing Co., 1446 West Forty-seventh Street, Chicago, Ill.
*224. Carstens Packing Co., Tacoma, Wash.

Meat Inspection Discontinued.

926. Northwestern Summer Sausage Works, 1733–37 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

New Station.

Tacoma, Wash.

Changes of Officials in Charge.

Henderson, Ky., Dr. H. H. Day instead of Dr. R. A. McCauley.
Faribault, Minn., Dr. T. W. Scott instead of Dr. R. E. Christopher.
La Crosse, Wis., Dr. R. E. Christopher instead of Dr. H. H. Dell.
Marysville, Kans., Dr. J. H. Payne instead of Dr. H. R. McNally.

Changes in Addresses of Officials in Charge.

Dr. H. R. McNally, Muskogee, Okla., instead of Marysville, Kans.

Dr. J. D. Holland, Room 404 Federal Building instead of care of E. Godei & Sons, Peoria, Ill.

NOTICES REGARDING MEAT INSPECTION.

SUPPOSED ACTINOMYCOSIS IN HOGS.

Lesions of all hog carcasses considered to be affected with actinomycosis should be forwarded to the Pathological Division of this bureau, Washington, D. C., for further examination. The Form M4 report submitted with each specimen should indicate the number of the meat-inspection retained tag which was used to mark the carcass.

SAUSAGE IN ARTIFICIAL CASINGS.

Pending further notice, sausage stuffed in paper or other artificial casings will not be considered as food in package form within the meaning of regulations promulgated under the net weight and volume amendment. Accordingly, it will not be necessary, for the present, that such casings be marked with the statement of the net weight.

In this connection it should be understood that approval of artificial casings must in each instance be secured from the Washington office of the bureau before their use is permitted.

DISINFECTION OF HIDES FROM DISEASED CARCASSES.

Referring to paragraph 3, section 8, regulation 10, B. A. I. Order 211, skins and hides of animals condemned for tuberculosis or any disease communicable to man or other animal may be removed from the official establishment for tanning or other industrial use, except as provided in section 2 of regulation 11, after disinfection by immersion for not less than four hours in a mixture composed of one part of bichlorid of mercury to 1,000 parts of salt solution. The salt solution may be of any strength from not less than 15 per cent to saturation.

PÂTÉ DE FOIE GRAS, ETC.

In view of recent information to the effect that "pâté de foie gras" and similar products are not composed exclusively of goose liver but contain pork liver or other meat food products, inspectors of this bureau are directed to inspect and handle foreign products of this character, and to refer to the Bureau of Chemistry such products which, upon analysis, do not show the presence of a meat food product.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTION, JANUARY, 1915.

City.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Goats.	Swine.
Chicago	166,001	22,359	354,025	216	895,017
Fort Worth	27,676	6,540	7,962	664	55,438
Kansas City	58,562	4,035	122,212	352	264,931
National Stock Yards	46,796	4,419	42,830	525	105,849
South Omaha	42,009	1,336	186,340	15	204,968
South St. Joseph	17,865	1,494	63,417	126	138,105
All other establishments	213,839	68,459	419,482	458	2,620,480
Total, January, 1915	572,748	108,642	1,196,268	2,356	4,284,788
Total, January, 1914	585,164	122,486	1,296,625	3,118	3,489,384

NOTE.—The number of hogs slaughtered at Fort Worth in December, 1914, was 44,334, instead of 4,334, as erroneously shown in Service and Regulatory Announcements for January, 1915.

IMPORTS OF FOOD ANIMALS AND OF MEATS AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS.

The following statements show the imports of food animals and of meats and meat food products inspected by the Bureau of Animal Industry during January, 1915, together with totals for the fiscal year to date.

Imports of food animals.

Country of export.	Cattle.	Swine.	Sheep.	Goats.
Mexico	30,968	173	21,558	1,285
Canada	6,990	25,209	642	1
Total, December, 1914	37,958	25,382	22,200	1,286
Total, July, 1914, to January, 1915	382,897	147,594	105,037	36,492

Imports of meats and meat food products.

Country of export.	Fresh and refrigerated meats.		Canned and cured meats.	Other products.	Total.
	Beef.	Other.			
	Pounds.	*Pounds.*	*Pounds.*	*Pounds.*	*Pounds.*
Argentina	23,234,572	1,821,357	204	77,167	25,133,300
Australia			177,718		177,718
Canada	966,157	801,034	753,003	173,145	2,693,339
Uruguay	285,738				285,738
Other countries	644,691	31,780	96,852	65,430	838,753
Total, January, 1915	25,131,158	2,654,171	1,027,777	315,742	29,128,848
Total, January, 1914	12,786,993	925,763	1,429,503	854,475	15,996,734

Condemned: Beef, 1,816 pounds; pork, 71 pounds; total, 1,887 pounds. Refused entry: Mutton, 9,248 pounds; pork, 6,005 pounds; total, 15,253 pounds.

NAMES REMOVED FROM LIST OF FOREIGN MEAT-INSPECTION OFFICIALS.

The following names have been removed from the list of officials authorized to sign and issue meat-inspection certificates for meat and products exported to the United States:

CANADA.

J. O. Guertin, Ingersoll, Ontario.
W. A. Morrin, Hamilton, Ontario.
J. M. Stuart, Toronto, Ontario.

INSPECTION AND TESTING OF ANIMALS FOR CANADA.

The following name has been added to the list of practicing veterinarians registered by the bureau and authorized to inspect and test with mallein horses, mules, and asses intended for export to Canada:

Dr. R. W. Falk, Canton, S. Dak.

REPORTING TO STATE OFFICIALS DETECTION OF DISEASE EN ROUTE.

The attention of bureau employees is directed to paragraphs 37 of "Instructions Concerning the Preparation and Application of Dips and Reporting Inspections and Dippings of Sheep and Cattle for Scabies," which reads as follows:

When a shipment of cattle or sheep is found, whether en route or at destination, to be affected with scabies the inspector at the point where the disease is detected should immediately forward notices of the condition of the animals to the proper State official and to the inspector in charge of the district in which the shipment originated. Such notices should be prepared on I. D. Form 24B and mailed as early as possible, in order to facilitate the prompt disinfection of the yards and pens through which the animals were handled. In such cases the report, I. D. Form 24B, sent to the Washington office, should bear a notation indicating that notices were given as above directed. Care should be taken by those having the matter in charge to see that the above instructions are always complied with.

SUBSTANCE PERMITTED FOR OFFICIAL DIPPING.

The use of the following substance is permitted by the department in the official dipping of sheep for scabies.

"*Black Leaf 40*," a nicotin dip, manufactured by the Kentucky Tobacco Product Co., Louisville, Ky. This dip is to be used at a strength of not less than five one-hundredths of 1 per cent of nicotin, as ascertained by "field test outfit N-3," with the addition of 2 per cent of flowers of sulphur or sulphur flour to prevent reinfection.

CONVICTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF LAWS.

MEAT INSPECTION LAW.

In cases against the following-named defendants, charged with violating the meat-inspection law in shipping in interstate trade unsound meat or meat food products the defendants pleaded guilty and were fined the amounts shown:

Henningsen Produce Co., Butte, Mont., $50 and costs.

Nathan Verbin, Spring Glen, N. Y., $10.

Meyer Reingold, Mountaindale, N. Y., $25.

In cases against the following-named defendants, charged with violating the meat-inspection law in shipping uninspected meat or meat food products in interstate trade, the defendants pleaded guilty and were fined the amounts shown:

Albert V. C. Johnson, Ripley. N. Y., $10.

George C. Engel Co., New York, N. Y. (2 cases), $50.

Tobias T. Pergament and Abraham Pergament, New York, N. Y., $25 each.

Sayles, Zahn Co., New York, N. Y., $25.

In the case against Louis Wagner, West New York, N. J., charged with violating the meat-inspection law in shipping uninspected and unsound meats in interstate trade, the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined $50.

In the case against Sulzberger & Sons Co., New York, N. Y., charged with violating the meat-inspection law in breaking the Government seals on a car containing meat, the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined $100.

TWENTY-EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

The following results of prosecutions for violations of the 28-hour law were reported to the bureau during the month of February, 1915:

Number of cases.	Defendant.	Fine.
3	New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. Co	[1] $300.00
1	Yazoo & Mississippi Valley R. R. Co	200.00
1	St. Louis & San Francisco R. R. Co	[1] 100.00

[1] And costs.

QUARANTINE LAW.

The following results of prosecutions for violations of the live-stock quarantine law were reported to the bureau during the month of February, 1915:

Number of cases.	Defendant.	Nature of violation.	Fine.
2	St. Louis & San Francisco R. R. Co	Interstate shipment of cattle infested with Texas-fever ticks.	[1] $200.00
1	St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Ry. Co	do	[1] 100.00
1	Adams Express Co	Interstate shipment of live stock in violation of foot-and-mouth disease regulations.	[1] 100.00
2	Wells Fargo & Co. Express	do	[1] 100.00
2	Northern Pacific Ry. Co	Interstate shipment of cattle affected with scabbies.	[2] 300.00
	Total (8 cases)		800.00

[1] And costs. [2] And $21.37 costs.

SERUM LAW.

In a case against the Big O Serum Co., Kansas City, Kans., for violation of the law governing the manufacture, etc., of viruses, serums, etc., for the treatment of domestic animals, the defendant pleaded guilty to the charge of shipping anti-hog-cholera serum interstate without holding an unsuspended and unrevoked Federal license, and a fine of $50 was imposed.

LICENSES FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS.

Licenses for the manufacture of veterinary biological products have been issued as follows for the calendar year 1915, under the act of Congress of March 4, 1913 (37 Stat., 832), and the regulations made thereunder (B. A. I. Order 196):

Licenses for the manufacture of veterinary biological products.

License No.	Name and address of firm.	Products.
30	Kansas Serum Co., Manhattan, Kans...	Anti-hog-cholera serum; hog-cholera virus.
33	Dr. Willis A. Myers & Co., South Main Street, Wenona, Ill.	A combined bacterial vaccine.
39	Purity Serum Co., Stock Yards, Sioux City, Iowa.	Anti-hog-cholera serum; hog-cholera virus.
45	C. H. Miner Serum Co., Red Cloud, Nebr.	Do.
51	Union Serum Co., Chicago and Chambers Streets, Stock Yards, Sioux City, Iowa.	Do.
86	Germania Serum Co., office, 927 East Fifteenth Street, Kansas City, Mo.; plant, Central and Water Streets, Kansas City, Kans.	Do.
94	Cre-o-lone Tonic & Serum Co. (office, 509 Pearl Street); plant, 1825 Leech Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa.	Do.
107	Jensen-Salsbery Laboratory, 1228 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo.	Mixed bacterin; strepto bacterin; canine bacterin; anti-influenza bacterin; pneumo bacterin; autogenous bacterin; pasteurella vaccine; abortion bacterin.

License No. 8, issued to C. W. Hevner, Franklin, Nebr., for anti-hog-cholera serum and hog-cholera virus, has been canceled and reissued in the name of C. W. Hevner Serum Co., Franklin, Nebr., for the same products.

EMPLOYMENT OF FARM LABOR.

The attention of all officers of the Bureau of Animal Industry who come in contact with individual farmers and who may be able to report on local farm labor conditions is called to the following circular letter issued by the Department of Labor under date of January 8, 1915, and to the appended note from the Secretary of Agriculture:

To all officers of the Department of Agriculture:

The Post Office Department and the Department of Agriculture are cooperating with the Department of Labor in aid of the plan for the employment and distribution of laborers in the United States; the former through its postmasters, officers in charge of branch post offices, and rural mail carriers; and the latter through its field and other services throughout the United States, among which you are numbered.

The purpose of this plan is to supply labor where required in every section of the Republic, and your assistance is respectfully solicited. Communications from you concerning the necessity for workers in the locality in which you reside and the vicinity thereof are especially desired. The Department of Labor will appreciate your efforts in notifying farmers and other employers of labor in your neighborhood of the inauguration by said department, with the cooperation of the departments above mentioned, of a plan to furnish farm or other labor at all seasons of the year.

In order to enable you to advise both prospective employers and employees desiring to avail themselves of the opportunities presented by said plan, the following explanation of the methods adopted may be of service: Blanks for use of employers desiring help and for persons seeking employment may be had on request from the postmaster, or officer in charge of any branch post office, or rural mail carrier. All application blanks when filled out and signed should be folded and returned to the postmaster or other officers mentioned, whereupon they will be forwarded to the proper officer of the Department of Labor, where they will receive special and prompt attention. When thus returned, no postage will be required; otherwise the usual postage will be necessary.

Respectfully,

A. Caminetti,
Commissioner General of Immigration.

Approved:
W. B. Wilson,
Secretary of Labor.

To all officers of the Department of Agriculture:

You are hereby notified that the Department of Agriculture is cooperating with the Department of Labor in aid of its plan for the employment and distribution of laborers in the United States.

Therefore you are hereby authorized and directed to comply with the foregoing request approved by the Secretary of Labor.

Future general instructions, which when issued you are requested to follow, will be printed in the Weekly News Letter.

D. F. HOUSTON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

LEAVE FOR FIELD EMPLOYEES.

With the Secretary's permission, the bureau will continue the granting of leave to employees in the field as heretofore in accordance with the rules on pages 29 to 34 of Service Announcements of April 15, 1912. Paragraphs 58 and 59 of the Administrative Regulations of this department, effective July 1, 1914, are modified accordingly.

PUBLICATIONS IN FEBRUARY.

[The Bureau keeps no mailing list for sending publications to individual employees, but publications are sent in bulk to inspectors in charge for distribution to members of their forces. The number of copies varies with the subject or nature of the publication and the number and class of employees. For example in the case of a publication on a veterinary subject, sufficient copies are sent for the veterinarians. Inspectors in charge will use their judgment and distribute publications to best advantage. Additional copies will be furnished on request so far as possible.]

Amendment 3 to B. A. I. Order 210. Regulations Governing the Interstate Movement of Live Stock. (Amends regulations 1 and 5, and adds two new sections.)

Amendment 4 to B. A. I. Order 210. Regulations Governing the Interstate Movement of Live Stock. (Amends regulations 2, 3, and 4.)

Amendment 1 to B. A. I. Order 232. To Prevent the Spread of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Cattle, Sheep, Other Ruminants, and Swine. (Quarantines the counties of Butler, Cowley, Sedgwick, and Sumner in the State of Kansas.)

Amendment 2 to B. A. I. Order 232. To prevent the Spread of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Cattle, Sheep, Other Ruminants, and Swine. (Modifies quarantine relating to Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.)

Amendment 3 to B. A. I. Order 232. To Prevent the Spread of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Cattle, Sheep, Other Ruminants, and Swine. (Modifies quarantine relating to Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, New York, and Ohio.)

Amendment 4 to B. A. I. Order 232. To Prevent the Spread of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Cattle, Sheep, Other Ruminants, and Swine. (Quarantines the county of Rensselaer in New York, and the county of Passaic in New Jersey, and modifies the quarantine relating to Illinois, New Jersey, and New York.)

B. A. I. Order 233. To Prevent the Spread of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Cattle, Sheep, Other Ruminants, and Swine. (Provides for the cleaning and disinfecting of cars used for the interstate transportation of animals.)

B. A. I. Order 234. To Prevent the Spread of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Cattle, Sheep, Other Ruminants, and Swine. (Supersedes Order 232 and amendments, and specifies new quarantined area.)

Amendment 1 to B. A. I. Order 234. To Prevent the Spread of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Cattle, Sheep, Other Ruminants, and Swine. (Quarantines the county of Buchanan in Iowa, and modifies the quarantine relating to Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.)

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Amendment 2 to B. A. I. Order 234. To Prevent the Spread of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Cattle, Sheep, Other Ruminants, and Swine. (Quarantines the county of Ohio in West Virginia, and modifies the quarantine relating to Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.)

B. A. I. Order 235. To Prevent the Spread of Splenetic, Southern, or Texas Fever in Cattle. (Supersedes Order 207 and specifies new quarantined area.)

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